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LOK SABHA

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Crime against SC and ST Communities
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of discrimination, untouchability and crime/atrocities against SC/ST Communities and other minorities are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of such cases reported, cases solved/unsolved, persons arrested, action taken against the guilty and conviction rate achieved separately during each of the last three years and the current year, crime, gender and State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) The other measures taken by the Government to check such cases and ensure the safety and security of SCs/STs and minorities including the details of advisories issued to the State Governments and Police Departments in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the conviction rate of such cases and registration of all cases related to SC/ST and other minorities in the Country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by the National Crime Records
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Bureau (NCRB), a total of 39,408, 47,064 and 45,003 cases of total crimes (including untouchability and atrocities) under crimes against persons belonging to SCs & a total of 6,793, 11,451 and 10,914 cases of total crimes (including untouchability and atrocities) under crimes against person belonging to STs were reported during 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. State/UT-wise, crimes-head-wise cases reported, cases chargesheeted(cases solved), cases not chargesheeted but final report submitted as true (cases unsolved), cases convicted, cases conviction rate, cases pending for trials at the end of the year, persons arrested, persons chargesheeted and persons convicted under total crimes against SCs and STs during 2013-2015 are enclosed at Annexure-I & Annexure-II respectively.Data on State/UT-wise and Gender-wise victims reported under total crime against SCs and STs during 2014-2015 is enclosed at Annexure-III & IV respectively. Data on crime against minority is not maintained separately by NCRB.
(c) & (d): The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989has been amended in 2015 to make it more effective. This Amendment has been done with the aim to deliver greater

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justice as well as an enhanced deterrent to the offenders against members of SCs and STs. PoA Act has been amended to include new offences, re-phrase existing sections, expand the scope of presumptions, institutional strengthening, establishing rights of victims and witnesses, and strengthening preventive measures.
Further for ensuring speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act, 193 Exclusive Special Courts, have also been set up by fourteen states.
As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of all crimes, within their jurisdiction lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued advisories which are available at www.mha.nic.in.

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